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Letter dated 9 December 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement by the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (see annex) in the wake of the Turkish Government's proposal to send troops to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 69, and of the Security Council.

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Chargé d'affaires a.i.

ANNEX

Statement by the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia condemning the Turkish proposal for sending troops to Bosnia

Belgrade, 7 December. The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia assessed the Turkish Government's proposal for sending Turkish troops to the territory of Bosnia-Herzegovina as "direct support to the escalation of war clashes in Bosnia-Herzegovina". To quote the statement by the Yugoslav Government:

"The decision of the Turkish Government to propose to the Turkish Parliament to send Turkish troops to the territory of former Bosnia-Herzegovina represents direct support to the escalation of war clashes in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Encouraging one side to continue operations in the civil and ethnic conflict would result in increasing the number of victims and prolonging the plight of the entire population of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"This decision is not in accordance with the conclusions of the London Conference. It can only harm the negotiating process in Geneva and the peace efforts of the United Nations and the Co-Chairmen of the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia. It encourages the involvement of the extreme Islamic factor and spreads the religious nature of the conflict. The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia wishes to recall that during the meetings of Prime Minister Panić with Prime Minister Demirel and Foreign Minister Djukić with Foreign Minister Chetin, as well as in other contacts with the Turkish side, it clearly expressed its position that the solution of the crisis in Bosnia-Herzegovina can be achieved only by peaceful means, on the basis of equal respect for legitimate rights of all three peoples. It was pointed out on a number of occasions that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has no territorial claims against this ex-Yugoslav Republic and that it is ready to recognize it after a legitimate government is formed, composed of representatives of all three national communities. Yugoslavia strongly condemned the practice of ethnic cleansing and violation of human rights no matter whom they are committed by. It was also proposed to establish a corridor over the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia for humanitarian aid to Bosnia-Herzegovina, on which cooperation was subsequently established with international humanitarian organizations and numerous countries, including Turkey. It is particularly important that the scope and intensity of armed clashes in Bosnia-Herzegovina have been noticeably reduced in good part due to the efforts of the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. At this moment efforts should be focused on restoring peace and on humanitarian aspects of the problem with the aim of reducing the suffering of the population - members of all three peoples.

"Bearing that in mind, as well as the gravity and far-reaching effects of possible negative consequences of the decision of the Turkish Government not only for the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina but for the entire region, the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia expresses its hope that the Government of Turkey will desist from this dangerous course and accept the need for finding a political solution to the crisis in Bosnia-Herzegovina as the only possible solution and thus influence the Muslim side to accept the peace option. The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia reiterates its readiness to continue to contribute to joint efforts invested in bringing about an end to the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina and in achieving a generally acceptable joint solution and would appreciate it if its position were met with understanding and support by the Turkish side."

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